



“For most of history man has had to fight nature to survive; in this century he is beginning to realize that, in order to survive he must protect it.”

~Jacques-Yves Cousteau









Mac & Renie Blades carry on their family's 100-year ranching tradition on the eastern slopes of Alberta's Rockies with their grandchildren.

Photo by Callum Gunn





Renie Blades believes a rancher's duty is to leave the land 'better than we receive it.'

*"And I'll guarantee you, if we let coal mining in our eastern slopes and remove our mountains, we're not going to leave it better," Renie Blades.* Photo by Callum Gunn.







- On June 1, 2020 the AB government rescinded the visionary 1976 Loughheed Coal Policy that formerly protected the Province's clean water and its irreplaceable source – the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains – **without input or consultation with landowners and stakeholders or the general public.**

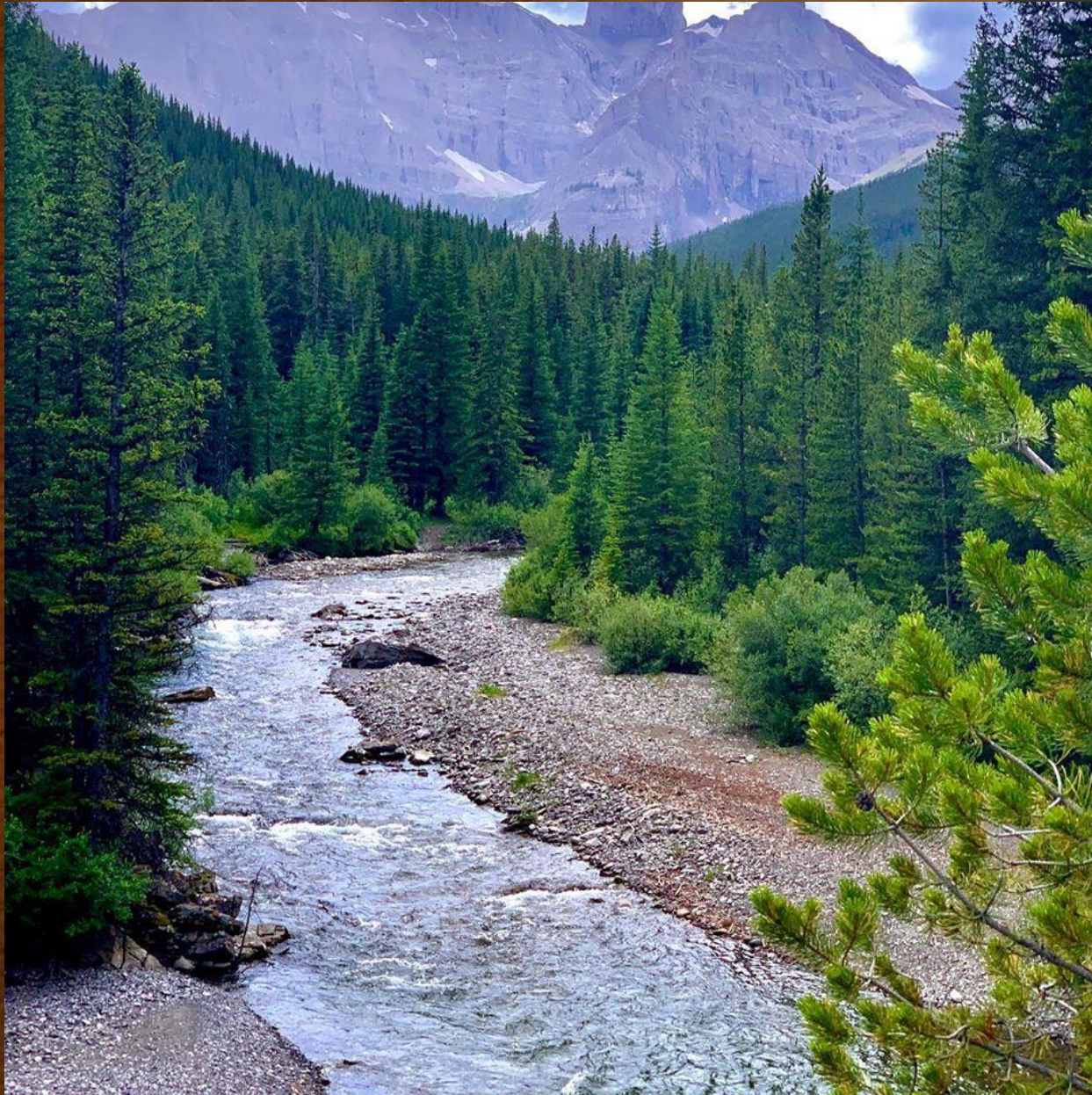


# Risks & Liabilities

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- 600,000 ha of our Province's headwaters are now vulnerable to coal development
- Oldman River watershed supplies water to 40 per cent of irrigated land in AB
- The watershed is already under tremendous pressure with declining flow rates and over-allocation & demand and unprecedented drought
- The water source for millions of people throughout Alberta/Canada













**Coal development will threaten and create further loss of significant grazing and native grasslands. Less than 20% of grasslands remain in Western Canada.**





**Mandy Olsgard – Pekisko Commissioned Research**  
**The Impacts to Human and Animal Health**



**Dr. Brad Stelfox – LLG Commissioned Research**  
**Impacts to Water Quality and Quantity**





**We Need to Preserve & Protect The Last of These Vitally Important Landscapes & Watersheds.**